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Subject: Re: EPA Participation in the SSFL CAG and Response to Renewed Request on TASC
Date: 07/17/2010 12:39 PM

Thank you Chris, I agree that it makes no sense that a decision to deny our request that was based on an offer extended to the community by EPA is now being denied on the basis that others who did not make the request feel it is not needed. Dan Hirsch does not represent our community and infact pointedly refuses to provide any information to us. He is not an expert nor is he a regulatory representative and is in fact a private individual who has no ties or interest in the welfare of our community as he refuses to share any information with our community through means that are available to the greater interested public. Further, his recent efforts have been to block the cleanup efforts that have been made to remove contaminated soils from the property (isra cesium removal) where he has gone so far as to block all efforts to complete this important source removal mandated by the regional water board.

We have been waiting for real action for decades and do not feel your decision to deny our requests is in the best interests of the affected public. Mr Hirsch is not part of the affected public as he lives hundreds of miles away from the contamination.

Why are his political aspirations more important than public health of the surrounding communities?

I look forward to your response.

Best wishes

Christina

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Sent from my iPhone in Sweden

On Jul 17, 2010, at 4:54 AM, Chris Rowe <crwhnc@gmail.com> wrote:

Craig,

I just want to clarify for those who are not **aware of** the sequence regarding the EPA **TASC** issue.

When EPA began their community outreach, I contacted Luis Garcia - **Bakarich** as the result of the letter that I received. That was about September 2008. (And if this is a repeat to some of you - sorry. Santa Susana is constant repetition).

I then took this issue to the Santa Susana Mountain Area Committee of the West Hills Neighborhood Council after the EPA **TASC** Meeting. Those minutes can be found attached.

The EPA **TASC** issue was then taken to the full **WHNC** Board for a vote.

http://www.westhillsnc.org/uploads/2009_August_5_Minutes.pdf

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09-0027 – Discussion and possible action relating to: Supporting Assembly Bill 102,

T.A.S.C. & E.E.I. Education Programs and Policy Guidelines for West Hills Neighborhood Council committees

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Dr. Wiseman and Andrea Lewis, Assistant Secretary for Education & Quality Programs (for E.E.I.), requesting the services of the two newly created educational opportunities introduced and discussed at the July 22, 2009, meeting of the Santa Susana Mountain Area Committee. Dr. Wiseman moved that the Board approved sending of the letter. Motion passed."

At the time of that EPA TASC meeting, I doubt if there were more than 20 community members there. I know that at least three of us had requested TASC.

Essentially what is being said is this: one group - the Workgroup - stated that they did not need EPA TASC. Now, CleanupRocketdyne is making the request. And the WHNC has previously made the request on behalf of all of West Hills.

Why can a half a dozen community members who state: "We don't need TASC - we have Dan Hirsch" represent the whole community who does not "have Dan Hirsch"?

I continue my personal request for TASC knowing that we could use the independent technical expertise to understand issues that we don't. I have two good examples of this from this week's EPA meeting:

- 1) What should EPA be doing regarding the fact that the SNAP building was previously excavated to 100"? Their equipment only detects to 10"?
- 2) What is the best method of disposal for 500 - 700 gallons of contaminated water that contains tritium?

These are good questions for independent technical experts. I do hope that the community will have access to them. I am sure that DTSC could use their expertise on radiological issues as well.

Sincerely,

Chris Rowe

On Fri, Jul 16, 2010 at 6:42 PM, <Cooper.Craig@epamail.epa.gov> wrote:
Christina -

I received your email below dated June 24th while I was out on vacation. I understand that you are out on vacation and will return on July 21. By this email I will address your June 24th email (re: Renewed TASC Request) and a previous email that you sent to me dated May 28th (re: EPA's participation in the SSFL CAG).

1. EPA's participation in the SSFL CAG. As stated in Item 12 on page 9 of EPA's Community Involvement Plan (CIP) for SSFL, EPA staff will be available to make presentations about EPA's radiological studies at meetings for local community groups and institutions. As such, EPA would be pleased to provide presentations to the SSFL CAG subject to our travel, schedule and workload constraints. Please let me know when EPA may be on the agenda for the next CAG meeting along with the time and location.

2. Technical Assistance Services for Communities (TASC). As stated on Item 12 of page 9 of the EPA CIP, EPA has decided to not offer TASC services at this time, but may re-evaluate this decision as future circumstances dictate. Last year when EPA presented TASC, the issue created significant confusion and disunion amongst various community stakeholders and groups. This led EPA to withdraw offering TASC. Currently, EPA is awaiting the DTSC's draft Communication Strategy for SSFL. We understand that this draft Communication Strategy will be issued by DTSC in late July or August. Upon receipt of DTSC's draft Communication Strategy, EPA will coordinate with DTSC on how TASC may fit into the DTSC's overall community involvement program and we will make a decision regarding next steps. If EPA does decide to move forward with a TASC program at SSFL, typically, the first step consists of EPA conducting a "needs assessment" (i.e. determining the type/scope of technical issues that community members wish addressed) to help facilitate the selection of the most useful technical advisor(s). In the meanwhile, EPA will continue to provide information about our radiological studies through fact sheets, community meetings, technical stakeholder meetings, placement of documents on our web site and via presentations to community groups (including the SSFL CAG and SSFL Inter-Agency Work Group) at their request and invitation.

If you wish, we can have a conversation on these issues. Because two key EPA staff are currently out of the office, the last week of July works best for us at EPA. How about the morning of July 28 at 10am or 11am? Please let me know if this date/time or another date during the last week of July works for you.

Please let me know if you have any questions at this time. Otherwise, I look forward to a continued dialogue on these issues soon.

Sincerely,
Craig

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Subject: Fwd: TASC Request - renewed

Still haven't heard from you other than a generic, "we are not accepting applications at this time" response to my written TASC request despite the discussion to have a scheduled phone conversation about this (below) that never happened. I also received no response to fact that I was pressured to withdraw my original request as shown by the documents I sent you related to EPA assuring Mr. Hirsch that requests from our community "will never go anywhere".

I am also aware of two other people who have made this request to EPA, so I must ask the reasoning behind ignoring multiple requests from this community in favor of one person who doesn't live in the community? I do not accept this notion that we should just sit back and wait as Mr. Hirsch who lives hundreds of miles away, makes decisions for our community. I also do not accept Mr. Hirsch as my representative or that of our community and do not feel his expertise and efforts are consistent with the objective of clean-up, as his recent efforts have been to stop and delay work from moving forward.

For this reason, I would like to schedule this conversation (as offered below) to be via webex phone conference so that the others can be included in that conversation. Using webex allows for both conference only, as well as with the online meeting features and we believe this discussion needs to be documented. Please let me know what date and time next week you will be available and I will set up.

Thank you and I look forward to having this conversation with you at your earliest convenience. Since I am leaving for Europe on the 5th of July, I request that this call be scheduled for a time prior to my leaving.

Thanks again,

Christina

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